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SUBJECT: ENERGY AGREEMENT: EXPERTS GROUP MEETINGS

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1. WE ARE PLEASED SOVIETS HAVE NOW RESPONDED ON QUESTION OF ENERGY INFORMATION TEMPORARY GROUP OF EXPERTS. AT SAME TIME, INABILITY OF SOVIETS TO RESPOND EARLIER TO PROPOSED MEETING DATES IN MARCH OR APRIL HAS RESULTED IN SITUATION IN WHICH US EXPERTS CANNOT TRAVEL TO MOSCOW BEFORE END OF UNCLASSIFIED

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JUNE. WHILE THEY ARE AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF MOVING AHEAD WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT, INCLUDING INFORMATION ASPECT WHICH IS OF IMPORTANCE TO US, THEY HAVE MADE OTHER COMMITMENTS WHICH THEY CANNOT BREAK. THEREFORE, WE PROPOSE

JUNE 30 - JULY 2 AS DATES FOR EXPERTS MEETING. PLEASE CONFIRM DATES ASAP AND SEEK TO OBTAIN SOVIET RESPONSE ON INFORMATION AND FORECASTING PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTEL B.

2. FYI AS WE NOTED IN PARA 2 A OF REFTEL C, WE BELIEVE ALL FOUR NEW AREAS SHOULD BE EXPLORED BY GROUPS OF EXPERTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED FOR REVIEW BY BOTH GOVERN-MENTS BEFORE SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IS HELD. WE SERIOUSLY OUESTION. IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED IN ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR GROUPS OF EXPERTS (INCLUDING RETURN VISITS AT LEAST IN OIL AND GAS) AND NEED FOR SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ADEQUATE REVIEW BY BOTH SIDES OF EXPERTS' RECOM-MENDATIONS, WHETHER WE CAN EXPECT A PRODUCTIVE SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN MID-JULY WHICH WOULD ENABLE BOTH SIDES TO MOVE AHEAD EFFECTIVELY WITH IMPLEMENATION OF THE AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, WE THINK IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO LET THE SOVIETS KNOW SOON THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO MOVE DATE FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING FROM MID-JULY TO EARLY FALL. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS REQUESTED. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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